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# Inside College Station

*A publication for College Station citizens*

## Spotlight: Historic Preservation

May is Historic Preservation Month, making it the perfect time to visit the American Mile and other historic points in College Station and the surrounding area.

■ The American Mile History Trail was dedicated April 27 at Veterans Park and Athletic Complex on Harvey Road in College Station and is now open. Taking a stroll on the mile long pathway offers reminders of 231 years of history important to our country, state, and local area.

Posted at 20-ft intervals are engraved bands inscribed with historical events for each year starting in 1776. For example, the marker for 1841 reminds its reader that 10<sup>th</sup> U.S. President John Tyler took office upon the death of President William Henry Harrison, the Amistad mutineers were freed by the Supreme Court because they had been illegally enslaved, Brazos County was established with Boonville as the county seat, and



Harvey Mitchell taught school at the Richard Carter home, our first settler in College Station. It provides an excellent educational tool for school children and everyone who visits the park for its many athletic and commemorative events.

■ Another interesting and different way to enjoy the history of the area is to visit **Project HOLD**, an acronym for Historic Online Library Database at HOLD.cctx.gov. This local internet project allows you to enjoy the contents of old attics, photo albums, letters, interviews, and a myriad of memorabilia from earlier days.

The database is provided by the City of College Station with the support of its Historic Preservation Committee. Anne Boykin, Project HOLD staff, welcomes your memorabilia, stories and photos. With the help of volunteers, items are scanned into the database and returned to their owners.

During May, watch and listen as Channel 19 and other area media highlight "Moments in Local History".

*Photo of Peggy Campbell in field of bluebonnets. Taken in 1938, the year the City of College Station was chartered.*

## College Station Receives National Recognition

When the National League of Cities announced the names of winners in their Cultural Diversity Awards program in Washington, D. C., the "Community of Respect" program developed by the City of College Station and four partners won first place.



College Station submitted the award application for the collaborative effort with the City of Bryan, Texas A&M University, Blinn College and the Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce.

A cross-cultural training program designed to give the United States population interaction skills in order to sustain the welcoming and safe environment of our international

community, more than 300 College Station employees have attended the one-day training session.

"The College Station element of the program is administered through the Human Resources Department, but trainers are provided through Fire and Police as well as HR," said Julie O'Connell, HR Director. She accepted the award at the March NLC conference.



## Mark Your Calendar

**April 30 - May 8** Early voting

**May 3** Planning & Zoning Commission\*, 7 pm, City Hall

**May 4** 12th Annual Relay for Life, 7 pm, Tiger Stadium

**May 4, 7 - 9** TAMU Final Exams

**May 5** March of Dimes Walk America, 8 am, Wolf Pen Creek, 846-3470

-- Brazos Valley Symphony Fundraiser: Derby Day

**May 7** Free Bicycle VIN Engraving, Target, 2100 S. Texas, 1 - 5 pm, 693-8400

**May 10** NO City Council Meeting

**May 10 - 12** TAMU Commencement Weekend

**May 12** Election Day Polls open 7 am to 7 pm

-- Adamson Lagoon open weekends

-- Starlight Music Series, Aaron Watson, Wolf Pen Amphitheater, 6:30 pm

**May 13** Mother's Day

**May 16** Exploring History Lunch Lecture Series, 11:30 am, CS Conference Center, RSVP required, 764-3499

**May 17** Planning & Zoning Commission\*, 7 pm, City Hall

**May 19** Family Fun Day at the Library, Ringer Library, 10 am - 1 pm  
-- Thomas Park Pool open weekends only  
-- Starlight Music Series, Karan Chavis, Wolf Pen Amphitheater, 6:30 pm

**May 24** Last day of classes, CSISD --City Council\*, Workshop Session, 1:30 pm; Regular Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall

**May 26** Summer pool hours begin  
--Starlight Music Series, Vocal Trash, Wolf Pen Amphitheater, 6:30 pm

**May 28** Memorial Day, City offices closed; CSISD and TAMU closed

\* Broadcast live on Cable Channel 19 and [www.cstx.gov](http://www.cstx.gov).

## News To Know

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Ten different wellness stations located throughout the trails feature an activity developed to address major components of a well-rounded fitness program for adults.

Performing the series of upper and lower body exercises at each station will help individuals enhance their muscle strength, balance, flexibility and cardio-vascular efficiency. Each three-sided station has two activity panels while the third panel provides health information to make the experience educational and reinforce the health benefits of each activity. Funding was provided through Community Development Block Grants.

■ Hungry for fresh vegetables? The **Brazos Valley Farmers Market** continues through July at the Central Park Pavilion, every Wednesday from 4 to 7 pm. Fresh produce, vegetable starts and flowering plants are available from area growers.

■ The **6th Annual Seniors EXPO** is scheduled May 23 from 9 am - 3 pm at the Brazos Center. Admission is free. Come visit the many seminars, demonstrations and over 80 booths providing information on nutrition, health, pharmaceuticals, finances, retirement, hobbies, leisure activities and more.

The Seniors EXPO showcases the businesses, organizations and activities in the Brazos Valley that make our community a "Senior Friendly" place to live. For more information, contact College Station Senior Services at 764-6371.

■ Is your home at least 50 years old? It may qualify for an **historic marker** that designates a home, subject or building of significance to College Station history. Members of the Historic Preservation Committee will help you with an application (*available online at [www.cstx.gov](http://www.cstx.gov) by using a Quick Link search for "historic preservation"*). For more information, contact Peggy Calliham at [pcalliham@cstx.gov](mailto:pcalliham@cstx.gov).

■ Coming next month to Central Park is the **16th Annual Rod Run**, sponsored by the Bluebonnet Street Rodders in the College Station - Bryan area. The Open Rod Run event June 9-10 is open to cars of all types manufactured before 1973. The popular event draws street rods, antiques, muscle cars, trucks, and show cars from around the state.

More than 200 cars register for the event and the number continues to grow each year. The event benefits local charitable organizations and is co-sponsored by the City of College Station Parks and Recreation Department and supported by many local businesses. For more information, contact Ric Ploeger at 764-3415 or Eddie Ryan, 776-2808.

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**May 30 - June 1 Summer Day Camp registration begins**, Lincoln Recreation Center, 8 am - 5 pm, 764-3779

**June 2 Starlight Music Series**, Jimi Jamison, Wolf Pen Amphitheater, 6:30 pm

**June 4 Summer Camp-Inside the White House!** George Bush Museum, 691-4006

**June 8 Brazos Valley Bombers Opening Day**, Travis Park, 7 pm

**June 9 Starlight Music Series**, Ro-Tel and the Hot Tomatoes, Wolf Pen Amphitheater, 6:30 pm

**June 9-10 16th Ever Rod Run**, Central Park

**June 12 President Bush and Mrs. Bush Birthday Celebration**, George Bush Museum,

**June 14 Freedom's Legacy: Celebration of Juneteenth**, Bush Library, 693-4013  
--Classic Film Series: Hellcats of the Navy, Presidential Conference Center, 7 pm

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